(a) whether Government propose to re-examine the issue of one-rank-one pension to ex-servicemen; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Group of Ministers has been constituted to look into this issue.

Increase in infiltration in J&K

805. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the pull out of military from Jammu and Kashmir there has been a spurt in infiltration from Pakistan side;

(b) if so, the details of incidents of infiltration since December, 2004; and

(c) the steps being taken to stop infiltration from other side of border in Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) There has been no spurt in filtration from Pakistan side after the pull out of military from Jammu and Kashmir. However, infiltration attempts by terrorists from Pakistan Occupied Kashmir/Pakistan continue.

(c) Adequate measures have been taken to intercept and eliminate terrorist groups attempting to infiltrate in Jammu & Kashmir. The measures include surveillance of all known routes of infiltration including deployment of unattended ground censors, construction of a fence along the Line of Control (LoC) and multitiered deployment of troops. Also the Government has been continuously emphasizing to Pakistan not to permit any territory under its control to be used to support terrorism in any manner.

Indian Soldiers in Pakistani Jails

†806. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian soldiers detained in Pakistani jails;

(b) the offence for which these soldiers have been detained; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.